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Broadmoor

BROADMOOR IS UNIQUE. With its streets backed up against the hills, it lies in the heart of Daly City. Yet it remains an unincorporated area with most of its services being provided by San Mateo County or by Daly City in compliance with contracts between “the city” and the county.

Part of this individuality that marks Broadmoor is found in its special police district which is said to be the only one of its kind in California. Although small it employs men who strive to give their tiny community the kind of protection found in the surrounding cities.

Broadmoor, although standing alone, has no history apart from the rest of the area. In pioneer times it was settled by Colma residents, S. S. White and the founders of the \$75 Lot Homestead among them. The long history of the area is a story of ranches passing from one man to another until the land was needed for homes. Some of present day Broadmoor became the property of the Spring Valley Water Company and was called by that Company's name until recent decades.

Like other developments in the area, such as Westlake and Serramonte, Broadmoor was built by a large construction company from San Francisco. In 1946 the Stoneson Company formulated plans to build the development that became Broadmoor. By September 1947 they had laid two streets, Sweetwood and Louvaine, and had erected enough homes for the first families of Broadmoor to move in.

Tom Callan's hog ranch was nearby, although abandoned. Olcese's pig farm and ranch was south of the area on land now occupied by Westmoor High School. A large pipe running through the area to the ocean was surrounded by willows. A little creek ran up the middle of a street that became MacArthur Drive.

As the construction went on, the pig ranches were moved and the pipes and streams covered. More streets were laid and more homes built, and along with them came the fierce pride that has kept Broadmoor independent and unique.

There are over twenty such communities in San Mateo County. Like Broadmoor some are nearly surrounded by larger cities. Most of the others are small settlements near the Pacific Ocean. Each is unlike any other part of the county and adds its flavor to the social environment of San Mateo County.



BROADMOOR'S RANCH STYLE HOMES

